

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims amends all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The tear bar system of claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein the second side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the height of the tear bar decreases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the second ~~edge~~ side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media.

24. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ a tear bar system, comprising: of claim 22
a fan folded strip of media having a plurality of pieces of media attached end to end, each piece of media comprising:

a surface;

a first side;

a second side;

a center portion between the first and second side; and

a plurality of perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material;

a tear bar, comprising:

a first side portion adapted to abut the surface of one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media.

a second side portion adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, and

wherein the tear bar is rotationally fixed during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media;

wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media further comprises a third bridge of connecting material between the first and second bridges of connecting material, wherein the tear bar further comprises a roughened center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion of the tear bar being adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to the third bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media.

25. (previously presented) The tear bar system of claim 24 wherein the first bridge of connecting material is positioned in close relative proximity to the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, the second bridge of connecting material is positioned in close relative proximity to the second side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, and the third bridge of connecting material is positioned in close relative proximity to the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media.

26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) ~~The A tear bar system, of claim 26 the tear bar further comprising:~~
a fan folded strip of media having a plurality of pieces of media attached end to end, each piece of media comprising:

a surface;

a first side;

a second side;

a center portion between the first and second side; and

a plurality of perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material;

a tear bar, comprising:

a first side portion adapted to abut the surface of one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

a second side portion adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media,

wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media further comprises at least nine bridges of connecting material, wherein three of the bridges of connecting material are positioned in close relative proximity to the first side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, three bridges of connecting material are positioned in close relative proximity to the second side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, and three bridges of connecting material are positioned in close relative proximity to the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media; and

a roughened center portion between the first and second side portions, the roughened center portion of the tear bar being adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to the three bridges of connecting material in the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media,

wherein the tear bar is rotationally fixed during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media.

28. (currently amended) The tear bar system of claim [[22]] 24 wherein the plurality of perforations are arranged substantially in a line.

29. (currently amended) The tear bar system of claim [[22]] 24 wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media comprises corner treatments adjacent to the plurality of perforations.

30. (currently amended) A process, comprising:

providing a fan folded strip of media having a plurality of pieces of media attached end to end, each piece of media comprising:

a surface;

a first side;

a second side;

a center portion between the first and second side;

a plurality of perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material; and

an end portion;

providing a tear bar comprising:

a first side portion[[.]] adapted to abut the surface of one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion comprises a roughened tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first edge side of the one of the plurality of pieces of media towards the center portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media; [[and]]

a second side portion[[.]] adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media,

wherein the one of the plurality of pieces of media further comprises a third bridge of connecting material between the first and second bridges of connecting material, wherein the tear bar further comprises a roughened center portion between the first and second side portions, the center portion of the tear bar being adapted to abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media in close relative proximity to the third bridge of connecting material

and apply resistance on the one of the plurality of pieces of media when a longitudinal force is applied to the one of the plurality of pieces of media;

positioning the one of the plurality of pieces of media, so that the first side is positioned in close relative proximity to the first side portion and the second side is positioned in close relative proximity to the second side portion; and

applying a longitudinal force to the end portion of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the first side portion and the second side portion abut the surface of the one of the plurality of pieces of media and resist the longitudinal movement of the one of the plurality of pieces of media, wherein the tear bar is rotationally fixed during separation of the one of the plurality of pieces of media from the fan folded strip of media, and wherein a strain is created in the one of the plurality of pieces of media.

- 31. (canceled)
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- 33. (canceled)
- 34. (canceled)